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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 19, 20, 22, 23, and 25, without prejudice or disclaimer.

A complete listing of the claims of this application follows.

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing grip, comprising:

a grip body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:

a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the ~~amramid~~ aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms an imperforate sheet disposed within the second elastomeric layer; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer and adapted to be gripped by a user.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing grip, comprising:

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a grip body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:

a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the ~~am~~ aramid aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms an imperforate sheet disposed within the second elastomeric layer wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips that are substantially parallel to each other; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer and adapted to be gripped by a user.

Claim 21 (Original): The grip of claim 20, wherein the plurality of individual strips are generally equally sized.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing grip, comprising:

a grip body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:

a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;

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a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the ~~an aramid~~ aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips of different sizes that are substantially parallel to each other; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer and adapted to be gripped by a user.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing grip, comprising:

a sleeve having an end defining an opening, wherein the sleeve is adapted to absorb vibration and comprises:

a first elastomeric layer adapted to absorb vibration, the first elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of different sizes, wherein the ~~an aramid~~ aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids therein;

a third elastomeric layer that is disposed on the second elastomeric layer, the

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third elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids.

Claim 24 (Original): The grip of claim 23, wherein the second and third elastomeric layers are generally of equal thickness.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing grip, comprising:
a sleeve having upper and lower ends, the upper end defining an opening to permit a portion of a grip supporting object to extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve is adapted to absorb vibration and comprises:

[[~~an~~]] a first layer adapted to absorb vibration and being formed by an elastomer that is substantially free of voids therein;

a second layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of generally equal sizes, wherein the ~~an~~aramid aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second layer being substantially free of voids therein, the plurality of individual aramid strips being generally parallel to each other; and

a third layer formed by an elastomer that is substantially free of voids.